

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A convertible angle broom, comprising:
 - a. a two piece housing having a first section and a second section;
 - b. said first section having a housing portion comprising an upper surface, a horizontal lower surface, a first sidewall, a second sidewall parallel to said first sidewall, a first outer closed end and a parallel interior open second end, an internal chamber extending from said interior open second end into at least a portion of the interior of the housing portion, a first open slot in said first sidewall and in communication with said internal chamber and a second open slot in said parallel second sidewall also in communication with said internal chamber, the first and second open slots being parallel and aligned with each other;
 - c. a multiplicity of straight bristles retained by said horizontal lower surface of said housing portion of said first section;
 - d. a handle base retained on said upper surface of said housing portion of said first section, the handle base having receiving means to retain an elongated handle of the angle broom and an elongated handle retained therein;
 - e. said second section having a housing portion comprising an upper surface having a horizontal surface on its innermost portion adjacent the first section, and then tapering to an angle until it converts to an outermost horizontal portion, the outermost horizontal portion positioned lower than the innermost horizontal portion, a lower surface having a multiplicity of stepped sections at various angles, the angles to the horizontal increase from the step sections adjacent an interior end of the housing to the stepped section adjacent an outermost end of the housing, the housing having a first sidewall and a parallel second sidewall;
 - f. said housing portion of said second section further comprising an interior end positioned adjacent the interior end of the housing of said first section, a mating member supported on said interior end of the housing member of the second

section, the mating member having a first clip and a second clip;

- g. said housing further comprising an outer end which retains an arcuate handle thereon which handle extends over a portion of the upper surface of the housing portion of said second section including the outermost horizontal portion, the angled portion, and over part of the innermost horizontal portion; and
- h. a multiplicity of bristles retained on the lower stepped surface of the housing portion of the second section, with the angle of the bristles to the horizontal increasing from the interior end to the exterior outer end; and
- i. ~~whereby~~, said mating member on said second section is inserted into said chamber on said first section and said first and second clip members are respectively retained in the open slots of said first section, the first and second sections are joined to form an angle broom and when pressure is exerted on said clip members to push them into the internal chamber, the second section is pulled away from the first section and the second section is grasped by its handle to act as an angled whisk broom.

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5. (Currently Amended) A convertible broom, comprising:

- a. a two piece housing having a first section and a second section;
- b. said first section having a housing portion comprising an upper surface, a horizontal lower surface, a first sidewall, a second sidewall parallel to said first sidewall, a first outer closed end and a parallel interior open second end, ~~at least one internal chamber extending from said interior open second end into at least a portion of the interior of the housing portion, a first open slot in said first sidewall and in communication with said at least one internal chamber and a second open slot in said parallel second sidewall also in communication with said at least one internal chamber, the first and second open slots being parallel and aligned with~~

~~each other;~~ said interior open end of said first section having a pair of vertically spaced apart upper and lower internal chambers extending from said interior open end into at least a portion of the interior of the housing portion, a first upper open slot in said first sidewall and in communication with the upper internal chamber and a second upper open slot in said parallel second sidewall also in communication with said upper internal chamber, the first and second upper open slots being parallel and aligned with each other, a first lower open slot in said first sidewall and in communication with the lower internal chamber and a second lower open slot in said parallel second sidewall also in communication with said lower internal chamber, the first and second lower open slots being parallel and aligned with each other; and

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c. a multiplicity of straight bristles retained by said horizontal lower surface of said housing portion of said first section;

d. a handle base retained on said upper surface of said housing portion of said first section, the handle base having receiving means to retain an elongated handle of the broom and an elongated handle retained therein;

e. said second section having a housing portion comprising an upper surface, a horizontal lower surface, the housing having a first sidewall and a parallel second sidewall;

f. ~~said housing portion of said second section further comprising an interior end positioned adjacent the interior end of the housing of said first section, a mating member supported on said interior end of the housing member of the second section, the mating member having a first clip and a second clip; said housing~~ portion of said second section further comprising an interior end positioned adjacent the interior end of the housing of said first section, an upper mating member supported on said interior end of the housing member of the second section, the upper mating member having a first upper clip and a second upper clip to be respectively received in the first and second upper slots of said first

40 sidewall, a lower mating member supported on said interior end of the housing
member of the second section, the lower mating member having a first lower clip
and a second lower clip to be respectively received in the first and second lower
slots of said first sidewall;

45 g. the first and second section are joined when the upper mating member is received
in the upper internal chamber and lower mating member is received in the lower
internal chamber and the sections are separated by simultaneous squeezing
pressure on the upper and lower set of clips;

gh. said housing further comprising grasping means incorporated into said first and
second sidewall of the housing portion of said second section; and

50 h.i. a multiplicity of bristles retained on the lower surface of the housing portion of
the second section;

i.j. whereby, said mating members on said second section is are respectively inserted
into said ~~at least~~ respective one chambers on said first section and said respective
upper and lower first and second clip members are respectively retained in the
upper and lower open slots of said first section, the first and second sections are
55 joined to form a broom and when pressure is exerted on said clip members to
push them into the internal chamber, the second section is pulled away from the
first section and the second section is grasped by its grasping means to act as a
whisk broom.

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